

# Smith Island Restoration Project

## Compensatory Mitigation Opportunities

Up to 100 acres of County-owned land within the proposed project site are available for compensatory mitigation associated with other private or public infrastructure projects in the estuary. This provides an opportunity for a unique partnership with agencies such as the Washington Department of Transportation and others by providing mitigation for impacts from their nearby projects. This not only secures funds for building the project, but also supports agricultural activities by offering mitigation opportunities to diking districts in the valley that provide essential flood protection services.

Competition with existing private mitigation banks in Snohomish County will not be a factor since the County's mitigation program would only provide estuarine-related mitigation opportunities. Existing private mitigation banks' service areas are located outside the estuary.

